

ABSTRACT

5 An access control system (10) is disclosed for controlling access to data stored on at
least one data storage medium (14) of a computing system. The access control system
(10) comprises authentication means (25) to authenticate users permitted to access data
stored in the at least one data storage medium (14) and database means (29) arranged to
store data access profiles. Each data access profile is associated with a user permitted
to access data stored in the at least one data storage medium (14), each data access
10 profile includes information indicative of the degree of access permitted by a user to
data stored in the at least one data storage medium (14), and each data access profile
includes a master data access profile (M) and a current data access profile (C). The
current data access profile (C) is modifiable within parameters defined by the master
data access profile (M).

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